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October 20, 2003

Honorable Deborah Taylor-Tate  
Chairman, Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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Re: *Triennial Review Order - 9 Month Proceeding-Hot Cuts*  
*Docket No. 03-00526*

Dear Chairman Tate:

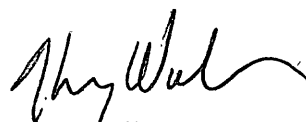
Thank you for your letter dated October 10, 2003 in the above-referenced docket. Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. ("CompSouth") is considering the significant substantive and logistical concerns involved in your offer of a regional mediation of the batch hot cut process. However, given the large number of member companies<sup>1</sup> to be consulted, as well as the complexities presented by your proposal, CompSouth is not yet in a position to respond. We will be in a position to do so no later than October 31 and would appreciate your accommodating our need for additional time to provide our response.

CompSouth shares your interest in maximizing the resources of the parties and the state commissions and will seek to offer comments consistent with those goals.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

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<sup>1</sup> CompSouth members include: ITC DeltaCom; MCI, Business Telecom Inc., NewSouth Communications Corp., AT&T; Nuvox Communications Inc.; Access Integrated Networks, Inc.; Birch Telecom; Talk America; Cinergy Communications Company; Z-Tel Communications; Network Telephone Corp.; Momentum Business Solutions; Covad; KMC Telecom; IDS Telcom and Xspedius Corp.

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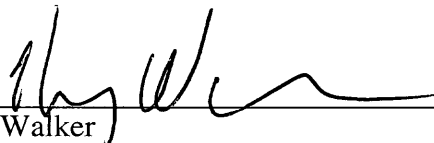
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